

## PURPOSE

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) pays for detention facility placements for Act 150 public wards using state ward board and care (SWBC) funds.

**Exception:** This policy does **not** pertain to youth who are **not** Act 150 public wards. The placements for those youth are entered in MiSACWIS as a *detention - unpaid placement* to ensure payment through a process outside of MiSACWIS.

Secure detention or jail is not to be used for neglect/abuse wards or MCI (Act 220 and Act 296) wards unless a delinquency complaint or petition has been filed and the judge has issued an order for detention; see Placement in Jail, Correctional, or Detention Facilities in [FOM 722-03, Placement Selection and Standards](#).

Detention is the most restrictive placement available and does not provide rehabilitative treatment for juvenile offenders. The assigned case worker must ensure that alternatives to placement in detention are considered. When it is necessary to place a youth in detention, the restrictions on placement in detention must be followed in accordance with [JJM 470, Detention Alternatives, Detention & Jail Requirements](#), and any violations must be reported.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The department will pay SWBC for detention in a court or county-operated facility beginning on the Act 150 commitment date for newly committed Act 150 public wards.

For other Act 150 public wards who require detention in a court or county-operated detention facility, the department will pay SWBC if **the Act 150 public ward is placed in detention as a result of a MDHHS request**, see *court-ordered juvenile detention* in [JJM 470, Detention Alternatives, Detention & Jail Requirements](#), for more information on when juvenile detention may be recommended to the court as a temporary placement.

## PLACEMENT DOCUMENTATION

When eligible for SWBC payments, the detention placement for an Act 150 public ward must be entered in MiSACWIS with a service code of 0760 - *county detention - paid*. If a youth is already in detention and later becomes an Act 150 public ward while placed, a

new placement with the 0760 service code must be added effective the commitment date.

### Detention Beyond 30 Days

If a youth is to remain in detention for more than 30 calendar days, a placement exception request (PER) must be completed in MiSACWIS and approved by the local office director or designee prior to the 30th calendar day. Use the juvenile detention or court treatment facility placement will exceed 30 days PER for this scenario. If the request is denied, the youth must be moved from detention within five calendar days.

SWBC payments cannot be made to the detention center beyond 30 days without the approved PER. Obtaining this PER timely also prevents extra steps as outlined in the example below.

**Example:** If the PER is not completed timely, the placement in MiSACWIS will automatically be ended and a new *detention - unpaid* placement is added. If the PER is later approved for those dates, the *detention - unpaid* placement must be marked created in error which will re-open the prior *detention - paid* placement. If subsequent placements have been added, those must be created in error.

## PAYMENT PROCESS

**Note:** Payments that are funded by SWBC are made using the chargeback system; see [FOM 902-19, Chargeback System](#). A separate warrant for an individual youth's detention will not be issued. Detention is not a title IV-E reimbursable placement.

### Per Diem Rate

The daily rate for detention includes the cost of providing food, shelter, ongoing clothing needs, personal incidentals such as personal allowances and school supplies, routine health, medical care, dental care, and routine transportation.

The fund source for non-routine needs such as psychiatric medication and emergency room care is not included in the per diem rate. Those costs are paid by the detention facility or billed to the responsible fiscal county. The county child care fund (CCF) reimbursement process would then be followed to request partial reimbursement; see [SRF 904, Child Care Fund Handbook Published Policies and Procedures](#).

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**Invoice**

The detention facility must send an invoice to the local office that placed the youth in detention. All invoices must be reviewed for approval and signed by the local office juvenile justice specialist and supervisor. Approval and signature indicate that the number of days charged is correct.

**Example:** The youth is placed in detention June 7th through June 9th. Payment is made for the night of June 7th and June 8th. The total number of nights (billable days) the youth was placed in detention is two days.

The approved invoice must align with an approved service authorization in MiSACWIS.

**Invoice  
Submission**

Invoices from the court or county operated detention facility must include the following information, which may be handwritten on the invoice by the local office:

- The youth's MiSACWIS person ID.
- The MiSACWIS Case ID.
- Legal status and Act 150 commitment date.
- Signature of the juvenile justice specialist and supervisor.

Invoice only when all appropriate documentation in MiSACWIS has been completed and approved. This includes:

- *Detention - paid* placement.
- Approved service authorization.
- Approved PER for detention beyond 30 days.

Email the invoice with approval signature by a supervisor to [MDHHS-county-chargeback@michigan.gov](mailto:MDHHS-county-chargeback@michigan.gov).

**COURT OR COUNTY-  
OPERATED  
TREATMENT  
FACILITIES**

This same placement and payment procedure is used for Act 150 public wards placed in court or county-operated treatment facilities.

## STATE OPERATED DETENTION CENTERS

Youth being placed at Bay Pines or Shawono Center must have a referral through the Juvenile Justice Assessment Unit (JJAU). If the provider accepts the youth, the JJAU creates the placement in MiSACWIS. The worker then routes the service authorization for approval to ensure payment is made.

## LEGAL BASIS

The Youth Rehabilitation Services Act, 1974 PA 150, as amended, MCL 803.302(c)

Defines a "public ward" as "a youth accepted for care by a youth agency who is at least 12 years of age when committed to the youth agency by the juvenile division of the probate court or the family division of circuit court under section 18(1)(e) of chapter XIIA of 1939 PA 288, MCL 712A.18, if the court acquired jurisdiction over the youth under section 2(a) or (d) of chapter XIIA of 1939 PA 288, MCL 712A.2, and the act for which the youth is committed occurred before his or her seventeenth birthday" **or** "a youth accepted for care by a youth agency who is at least 14 years of age when committed to the youth agency by a court of general criminal jurisdiction under section 1 of chapter IX of the code of criminal procedure, 1927 PA 175, MCL 769.1, if the act for which the youth is committed occurred before his or her seventeenth birthday."

## POLICY CONTACT

Policy clarification questions may be submitted to [MDHHS-federalcompliance@michigan.gov](mailto:MDHHS-federalcompliance@michigan.gov).

## JOB AID

MiSACWIS job aid: Entering Paid Detention and Paid Court Treatment Facility.